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Davis, Posner, Weiss, Vie For Mayor's Post

By STUART SUSNICK

School-wide elections for major City of Midwood posts and term officers took place Tuesday, December 17, in the school cafeteria. At press time, the Election Commission had not yet tabulated the results.

The candidates campaigned from December 9 to December 13. Students viewed election assemblies December 11 and 12. At these assemblies, the candidates for major city offices discussed their platforms. The candidates for mayor, Bruce Davis, Natalie Posner, and Danny Weiss asked questions of each other. The candidate for Kensington Coordinator also made a speech. Louise Levene, election co-commissioner, addressed questions to each of the candidates for comptroller and executive secretary.

Linda Familant, Eleanor Glassman, and Andrea Statnikoff competed for the post of executive secretary. Richie Liroff and Bonnie Sherer competed for the position of comptroller. Candy Falk ran unopposed for the post of Kensington coordinator.

Candidates for the sixth term presidency were Ed Cortez and Sue Schwartz. Elaine Fischer, Stephanie Saks, and Rovena Schreck competed for the post of sixth term vice-president.

Maxine Finkelstein and Joel Sklar vied for the position of the fourth term president. Sally Antman and Steve Strauss were fourth term vice-president nominees.

Applications for major city offices and for term officers are open to all Midwood students with an average of over 75% and a "good character rating." However, there is a limit on the number of students who may run for an office in the City of Midwood.

Arista, Archon Inducted 142

By RONNIE KRASNE

Midwood High School held the Arista-Archon installation assembly for the fall term of 1963, Wednesday, November 20. The school invited the parents to witness the event. The principal, Dr. Bernstein presided over the ceremony and to enrich the assembly program, Mixed Chorus sang.

Archon is a society of people, who have rendered service to the school over a period of at least two and one half years, accumulating 50 service credits. A member must also attain a 75% average.

To qualify for Arista, Midwood's honor society, a student must have a record of excellent character, punctuality and attendance, an average of 90% for two terms in succession for seniors and a 93% average for juniors.

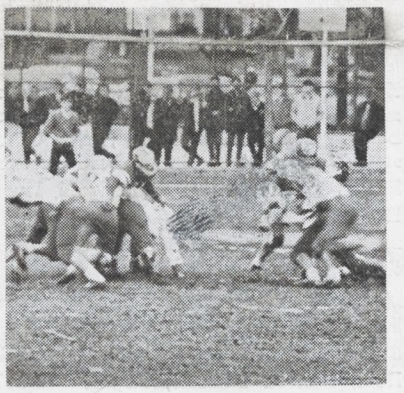
The following students were installed into Archon: Madeline Amreich, Fran Ash, Natalie Bagrash, Karen Bassuk, Michelle Baris, Elaine Belsky, Sheila Berkman, Gloria Blesser, Beverly Blitz,

GRIDDERS NAMED CO-CITY CHAMPS

By HOWIE COHEN

Routing Erasmus 42-0, the Middies completed their first perfect season and obtained the title of P.S.A.L. Co-City Champs.

The victory over Erasmus in the last game of the season was the eighth win for the Mid-Eleven this year. It gave them the honor of being the only undefeated, untied football team in the city, including league and non-league games. The squad of 1963 had the most successful season of any Midwood team in its eighteen year history. Over the last two seasons, the Glenroaders have won 15 out of the 16 games played; 13 straight.



DeMarco Goes For Touchdown

Brent Kaufman was voted the outstanding player of the Thanksgiving Day classic. Kaufman led the Middies as he scored three touchdowns on runs of 19 and 24 yards and a beautiful 67 yard gallop off right tackle. Sam DeMarco showed his running ability when he ran 44 yards for a TD. The Middies also put on a passing display to round out the game as Larry Getto threw a 31 yard pass to Roy Morrison in the end zone and Mike Ventura threw an 18 yarder to Manny Geronimos for a TD. Two conversions by Mike Weinberg and two P.A.T.'s by Ventura wrapped up the scoring.

There were many other highlights in this undefeated season. One was the victory over Madison:

The undefeated, untied Midwood Football Team continued its winning ways as the Blue and White of Midwood shut-out a strong Madison team 14-0. Rain and then classes in session caused the game to be postponed twice. However, the Mid-Eleven showed no concern about which day they would beat Madison. Midwood's feared running game was the prevalent factor as quarterback Larry Getto threw only two passes, both of which were incomplete. Madison never had a chance to display an offense as the taut Middie defense kept the Highwaymen from crossing the mid-field stripe except for one penetration to the 46. Ronnie Edwards, Jeff Rosenblum, and Bruce Levine, all recovered Madison fumbles to spoil whatever offensive ideas the Highwaymen might have had.

The leading ground gainers for Midwood were Sam DeMarco, who racked up 104 yards on 22 carries and Brent Kaufman who carried 19 times for 74 yards. Midwood's first score came after

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STUDENT PRESS COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING AT UN

By CINDY ZEIDMAN

The Student Press Council held a meeting at the United Nations building November 19. This organization consists of representatives from various New York City high schools. Its permanent meeting place is the Overseas Press Club. Midwood's two representatives are juniors, Margery Newman and Cindy Zeidman.

The speakers who addressed the students were members of the journalism staff of the U.N. They discussed the problems encountered in publishing the daily U.N. newspaper. A question and answer period followed the discussion.

The students then took a guided tour through the United Nations building, and were allowed to observe the Security Council and Trusteeship Council chambers. The students also observed the Economic and Social Council which was in session at that time.

The meeting of the Student Press Council took place in the library of the U.N. which had been reserved on that day for this purpose. The December 4 meeting, at the Overseas Press Club, had Mr. Richard D. Peters of the World Telegram and Sun, as the speaker.

Aaron Slotkin spoke to the Council at the first meeting, held at the Overseas Press Club. He discussed the problem of "censorship in the high school press."

FREEDOM NOW CONCERT TO AID RIGHTS GROUP

By RONA GOLDSTEIN

The music department, with the sponsorship of the City of Midwood, presented a Freedom-Now Concert Friday night, December 13. As indicated by the title, the concert contributed its proceeds to a civil rights group. The City of Midwood voted to donate the money to the student non-violent Coordinating Committee (S. N. I. C.). The members of this group go to the south to help Negroes by participating in non-violent demonstrations. This group is presently fighting for voting rights in Mississippi. The City of Midwood chose S. N. I. C. because it was the association that "needed it most at the time."

All members of the musical societies, the band, the orchestra, and the choruses, participated in the concert. One of its special features was the concert performance of "Tubby the Tuba", played by Midwood's Concert Band. Barry Kleiger was the soloist. Mrs. Tillis narrated the work which was originally written for children. "Tubby the Tuba" has recently become quite popular with adults, and the band thought the selection would be "different and exciting."

Ruth Portnoy, the originator of the concert and first-violinist in the orchestra, repeated Doctor Martin Luther King's words, "The tremendous struggle to have Americans stand up and live out the true meaning of its creed; all men are created equal." She added, "the movement should have the support of all people who believe in the dignity of mankind. As students in the north, there is little that we can do personally to further the civil rights fight. We feel that by aiding the work of S. N. I. C. we will be fulfilling a small but important responsibility to this cause."

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN F. KENNEDY

1917 - 1963

City Roundup...

The staff members of the Junior Magazine, a literary publication issued by the Junior class, elected Steven Kussin as editor-in-chief, Sara Ritz as literary editor, Elaine Fisher as feature editor, and Karen Rossetti as art editor, November 13. Their faculty advisor is Mrs. Hillson.

Juniors to Publish Magazine

Matty Mayer and Susan Schwartz, 5th term president and vice-president respectively, organized the activity. Before the election they discussed the date of publication and the possibility of more than one issue. The staff decided to have one "fairly large" issue which would be published during the spring term.

The Christmas assembly, December 20, will be the scene of a second Homecoming Day for Midwood alumni. The first one took place at the Midwood-Erasmus football game, Thanksgiving Day, November 28.

All alumni are invited to attend this musical presentation by Midwood's choruses, orchestra and band. The performance will be held in the auditorium.

This year, three Midwood students, David Holzman, mayor of Midwood, Edward Potter, City of Midwood Comptroller, and Brooklyn Boro Student Council President Lynda Klein, represented our school at the Richard Welling General Organization Conference. Students from schools in the Bronx, Queens, and Brooklyn who took part, discussed the various problems, limitations, and powers of the general organization. Representatives were able to participate in as many of the group discussions as they wished. After the group meetings, the participants held a general forum.

The Sigma Society is one of Midwood High School's clubs. It was organized to advance knowledge in the field of science. Mr. Berr, the faculty advisor, provides a place where interested students can learn about science subjects which they did not take in their school program.

Mrs. Grant, teacher in charge of placement in room 317, has requested that **Argus** notify its readers that she is interested in helping all students find employment.

ARISTA, ARCHON . . .

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Abby Carlin, Helene Cohen, Joel Cohen, Millie Cortez, Harry Eisenberg, Fred Emmer, Linda Familant, Doreen Feinstein, Jane Flegenheimer, Rochelle Frank, Steven Frank.

Howard Galin, Jeffrey Glass, Rona Goldsmith, Renee Goldstein, Sharon Goldstein, Barbara Gordon, Hugh Habas; Melanie Herzlich, Sandy Horowitz, Christa Jorgensen, Marjorie Josephson, Susan Kamin, Sheri Kass, Diane Kaye, Ronnie Kisch, Nancy Klugman, Nadie Korn, Ellen Kramer, Alice Lane, Susan Levine, Diana Rosen.

Sandra Lieberman, Alan Margulies, Arthur Misita, Irene Nisgore, Vivian Patraka, Stefanie Pava, Larry Pivnick, Ruth Portnoy, Susan Ritter, Wendy Roberts, Marlene Robinson, Betty Roseman, Henry Rosenblum, Joseph Rosenthal, Phyllis Sandok, Carol Schatz, Bonnie Scherer, Philip Schneider, Linda Schott, Lenore Schwartz.

Amy Siegel, Penny Smith, Carol Solovay, Linda Solow, Marlene Sakin, Ronnie Stein, Ilene Stolper, Carolyn Touger, Lila Tutnauer, Alan Vernick, Susan Weinstein, Dale Wilhelm, Paula Wolk.

The new members of Arista are: Jonathan Abrahams, Barbara Axelrod, Bayer, Elaine Belsky, Sandy Bergman, Sheila Berkman, Gloria Blesser, Beverly Hugh Bagatelle, Jane Barrow, Ronnie Blitz, Mamie Chiu, Andrew Clark, Charles Cohen, Bruce Davis, Kenneth Dreifus, Harry Eisenberg, Ira Eisenstadt, Evelyn Ellis, Linda Familant.

Ronald Feingold, Davida Feinstein, Karen Finkel, Steven Frank, Eric Freedman, Eleanor Glassman, Marian Goldberger, Marsha Goldman, Judith Goldstein, Renee Goldstein, Barbara Gordon, Emily Greene, Anton Greenwald, Hugh Habas, Susan Halpern, Howard Hechtman, Judith Hoffman, Sheri Kass, Diane Kaye.

Myra Korkes, Paula Kreech, Harriet Molberger, Kaila Obstfeld, Nira Reiss, Susan Ritter, Karen Rockow, Rochelle Roth, Sondra Sandler, Phyllis Sandok, Bonnie Scherer, Kent Seinfeld, Stephen Senreich, Marsha Sidenworm, Linda Solow, Laurie Spar, Carol Stein, Judith Stein, Ronnie Stein, Phyllis Taub, Ellen Weinrod, Dale Wilhelm, Gail Winter, Judy Winter, Paula Wolk, Ruth Wornan, Charles Levitan, Susan Levine, Diana Rosen.

FACULTY HONORS MR. WEINBERGER

More than sixty-five faculty friends and members of his family, honored Mr. William E. Weinberger at a "retirement dinner," Monday, November 4 at the Golden Gate Motor Inn.

Mr. Weinberger, an accounting and commercial law teacher had also served as G. O. treasurer at Midwood since its opening in 1941.

A committee from the accounting and stenography departments planned the red and white carnation-decked affair. A hand-lettered scroll signed by those who wished to pay tribute had been prepared by Art Chairman, Mr. Dan Lefkowitz.

Music-maker, Mrs. Belle Tillis, had composed, and sang two songs for the occasion, one to the tune of "Billy Boy," a review of Mr. Weinberger's career, the other to the tune of "My Bill."

After presenting the guest of honor with two pieces of matched luggage, the entire group rose to sing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Bye Bill!

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KUBLIN, PECK AT FORUM

By MARILYN SHER

In the past three weeks the Social Studies Forum has had several interesting and informative meetings. The topic of the meeting held November 1 was, "American Foreign Policy in the Far East." The speaker, Dr. Hyman Kublin, is an expert in the field of China's art and culture, and is a history professor at Brooklyn College.

"The United States seeks to secure peace and security which is vital to its national welfare and interests. In the future, the United States will be deeply interested in Southeast Asia for both economic and military reasons. Our peace and stability rests heavily on Asia," stated Dr. Kublin.

Mr. Jim Peck

"Non-violence for ending racial discrimination," was the topic of the November 8 meeting. The speaker, Mr. James Peck, participated in the 1961 Freedom Ride. He is also the editor of the CORE (Congress Of Racial Equality) newspaper and has been a member of C O R E since 1946.

He discussed many other organizations similar to C O R E. These include Southern Christian Leadership Council (S.C.L.C.) and the Students Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNIC) which is made up entirely of students. He stressed it is not necessary to go to the South if one wishes to join these organizations, for northern branches have also been created. "There is much room for improvement in the North, in the fields of employment, housing, and school segregation," said Mr. Peck. His closing statement was "As a result of C O R E, SCLC, SNIC and similar organizations, I feel things are really moving."

The meeting, held November 15, was a discussion of "Censorship." Ronnie Kisch, the president of the Social Studies Forum, started the meeting by discussing an article he had read in the **New York Post.** The article told of a woman who filed a complaint about a book dealer who sold **Fanny Hill** to her sixteen year old daughter. **Fanny Hill,** considered a pornographic novel relates the story of an eighteenth century London streetwalker. The Forum also discussed, "Would the banning of books similar to **Fanny Hill** raise our morality level?" Students presented various opinions; however, almost everyone agreed that in most cases a book cannot change an individual.

CONTEST . . .

The editorial board of the **Argus** selected five finalists in the "Choose a Nickname for Midwood" contest. It is now up to the student body to vote for the best nickname.

Below you will find a ballot with the five nicknames chosen by the editorial board. Please encircle the nickname you like best and drop your ballot in the designated box in the **Argus** office, room 449. Look for the winning name and its originator in the January issue.

BLUE JAYS

GLENMEN

JAY-WALKERS

WOODCHUCKS

WOODLANDERS

Potter Prepares New Budget; Request Deadline, Nov. 27

By ROVENA SHRECK

The Midwood High School budget is now under preparation for the January term. Before going into effect this budget will have to be ratified by the Board of Estimate and three school councils. Comptroller Eddy Potter is guiding the budget's formation.

The process begins at the request of a faculty advisor to the G. O. office. It is up to the comptroller to balance the expected incomes against the total requests and to see how large a deficit there may or may not be. The comptroller then draws up a proposed budget trying to reduce each request where it is at all possible. After this is completed the proposed budget is then brought before the Board of Estimate. It then goes to the councils. The councils may either pass the original request or reduce it. They cannot give more than the original request.

Last term many requests were made to the school. The football team requested $3,101 and received $1,800. The Midwood **Argus** received the $2,500 it requested. **Road Ahead** asked for and received $550.00 Kensington requested the sum of $375.00 and received that amount. The Swimming Team requested $300.00 and received $250.00 The Midwood Boosters asked for $115.00 and received $105.00.

All council meetings are held in B-71 during Wednesday's A.M. homeroom. The mayor is the head of the Board of Estimate, which is made up of term officers as well as major city and council officers.

The Midwood High School budget is a small example of how money is allotted for various needs. Understanding this small scale operation can help make one aware of how the country is financially run..

SENIORS PLAN CLASSES; PICK SPECIAL COURSES

By PHYLLIS TAUB

In his eighth term at Midwood, it is necessary for a student to take at least three majors and one minor subject in addition to health education and lunch. There is a series of courses offered for those seniors who have completed their required sequences, want to enrich their programs, or fulfill a special interest.

Seniors had an opportunity to select these courses when they planned their next term's program in late October. A course will not be given unless more than thirty pupils apply for it.

An elective in social studies, offered for eighth termers deals with "Problems of American Democracy." Spanish X stresses practical application of the language. Latin X will cover one year's work in the allotted term. Accounting S prepares students for specialization in business subjects or accountancy. Students who wish to prepare for civil service positions should apply for the civil service course. One year's work in stenography is completed in stenography S.

Also available are courses in home economics dealing with foreign foods and customs, and pre-marriage. The art department is offering drafting, industrial arts, and crafts.

Electives in commercial fields, mathematics, lab techniques, home economics, major art and various music courses continue to be available to graduating seniors.

Dr. I. Alter Awarded Ph.D. by NYU

By ANNE HYMAN

Dr. Irving Alter, faculty member of Midwood's social studies department, received his Ph.D with a doctoral thesis dealing with the "Status of the Administrative Assistant in the Academic High School of New York City." It took eight and one half years of concentrated work and effort at New York University to make the transition from Mr. to Dr. Alter.

In his own words, "This is the great value of the G.I. Bill of Rights." Dr. Alter stated that he went from his undergraduate days of college right up to achieving his doctorate without paying for any part of his education. He emphasized, "I definitely believe in having tuition free colleges, such as Brooklyn, City and Queens." Before coming to Midwood seven years ago, he taught in Prospect Heights High School for one half year and at three other Brooklyn high schools as a day to day substitute.

"I felt that the administrative assistant played a very large role in determining the functioning of the school, and the morale of the pupils in it, and so I felt I should study this." Dr. Alter has experience in this field, as he has worked in the boys' dean's office and has had "many opportunities to both advise and discipline students."

Dr. Alter wrote a paper on Jeremy Benthrom, "one of the foremost advocates of democracy." Dr. Alter quoted Mr. Benthrom as saying that he believed in "the greatest good for the greatest number with respect for the minority." Mr. Benthrom was a person who played a major part in the selection of Dr. Alter's career.

Dr. Alter

One of Dr. Alter's hobbies is reading about the post 1930 period, the New Deal and the Nazi Era in Europe. However, his most pleasureable hours are spent frolicking with his two young daughters aged two and five.

The faculty held a tea in his honor Wednesday, November 6, in the Home Economics Apartment. Many of his friends and associates were present for which Dr. Alter was "very grateful."

BASSUK PLANS PROGRAM FOR FDR MEMBERS

F.D.R. Commissioner, Karen Bassuk, recently announced that UNICEF cards and calendars are now on sale at $1.25 and $2.50 a box.

Karen also discussed the projects in which the commission is participating. Members are working with children in settlement houses and with the American Friend Service Committee, which works weekends in the slums of New York. Students are attending the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the aim of which is to "eliminate prejudice through education and living experiences."

Students who are not members of this commission may take part in these activities. Information concerning these programs may be obtained by referring to the FDR bulletin in the cafeteria or contacting Karen Bassuk in B-71.

Among the events scheduled by the FDR commission, is a Freedom Now Concert, December 13 held in conjunction with the Midwood music department. Tickets cost $1.00. The proceeds will go to civil rights organizations.

Future assembly programs are scheduled to present more prominent speakers on brotherhood. A brotherhood bulletin will be circulated throughout the school. It will describe the different FDR organizations and leaders.

The FDR commission, one of the largest commissions in the City of Midwood, has thirty-one members.

The function of the FDR commission is to "further the cause of brotherhood and to improve relations within our school."

The annual FDR activity is the presenting of an award from our school to the most outstanding contributor in the field of human rights. The school elects the FDR award winner through ballot sheets which are distributed in the home rooms.

EDITORIAL . . . . . .

Our Christmas stocking is empty this year. It isn't that there is a hole in the toe. We used a new stocking. It isn't that we hung the stocking where Santa Claus couldn't find it. Santa simply didn't have the **Midwood Argus** on his list. We miss him.

The **Argus,** (as you can readily see) is smaller this issue than last and it seems that it will continue to shrink. This issue is but six pages in length and lacks our customary Christmas frill—green ink. Green ink costs an additional sixteen dollars, but, Santa didn't leave any money in our stocking and we can't afford it.

Next issue, the **Argus** will be a different publication. Instead of a full eight pages or even a meager six, we shall be but four pages in length. We will, however, grow one column in width. We're doing this for monetary reasons. Newspapers are costing more to print each year. Consequently, the **Argus** needs a generous gift from Santa.

We know that Santa loves the football team because it wins. We love a winner too. We know that Santa likes the City of Midwood because it makes many students happy. We also like the City of Midwood. There is but one thing that Santa has forgotten in his joy and that is the student press.

The **Midwood Argus** is not a metropolitan daily and we are keenly aware of this. We don't want to join the ranks of dailies like the now defunct **New York Mirror** either. Our troubles are similar to those plaguing the **Mirror** before she died—lack of funds. Santa couln't save the **Mirror** because that required more money than he had. He can save the **Argus** though. Perhaps Santa will find it in his heart to restore his affection and blessings to the **Argus.** We will cherish a Christmas gift from Santa Claus even if it arrives late.

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This is the time when thoughts turn from threats of war and social upheavel to peace. This has been a year torn by strife, one that has put a heavy burden upon the shoulders of youth. Let us hope that next year will be better.

The staff of the **Midwood Argus** wishes all a joyous Christmas and extends best wishes for a happy new year. Peace be with you.

HARVEY ALPER

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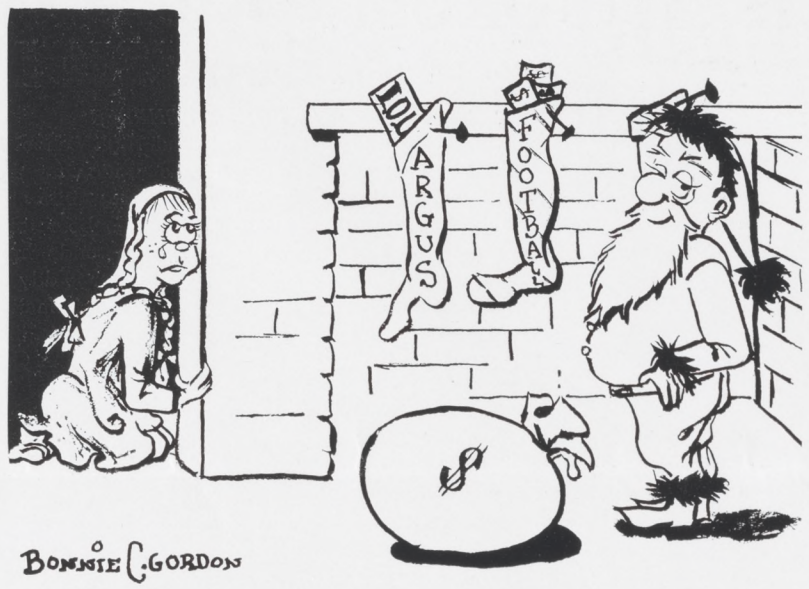

Midmoods . . .

Elaine Schechter

Three is the magic number. From its innocuous uses in sleight of hand performances and fairy tales, "three" has subtly but insidiously slipped into our lives. A few months (could it be three?) after your birth, your tender derrière is punctured three times for the three-in-one innoculations. Before entering kindergarten, you have the pleasure of receiving a three-in-one booster shot. By the third grade you are writing spelling words three times each.

After three years in junior high school, you trudge through (you guessed it) three years at your Alma Mater, where of course, you do everything three times. Each term in Midwood you fill out your program cards in triplicate. Three latenesses equal one pink card, and three pink cards equal—well, perhaps that had better be left unsaid. There are three days for our beloved midterms, and (why not?) three marking periods per term. Often there are three days for regents week, during which many students face their nemesis—the three-year language regents.

Your senior year is riddled with threes. You are allowed to apply to three colleges besides a N.Y.C. college. The College Entrance Examination Board gives a maximum of three achievement tests in the afternoon.

You are now about to knock at either the door to life or the door to college. Whichever it is, don't forget to do it three times and say Joe sent you.

Principal's Message

Dear Boys and Girls:

It is important that you grasp the implications of standards of college admission which seem to be in the air today.

City colleges are moving toward college board exams; and Brooklyn College, in particular, will now admit on composite score of school average and college boards. Obviously, this demands a general growth in scholastic ability, something which cannot be acquired simply by cramming for a course or an examination, but must be developed over years of reading and study. It stresses, also, good work in each subject every term in order that combined scores may qualify for admission.

Private colleges now look beyond the mere average of school work and college board results. They now look sharply at the number and kind of subjects you carry, especially in the senior year. Thus, a letdown in that year, a selection of a program less challenging than previously carried, may bring a negative decision, or a reversal of an acceptance.

Please bear these implications in mind in doing your daily work and in planning your future programs.

Sincerely yours,

J. L. Bernstein,
Principal

"Student" Plans Forum

The **French-American Student** is a semi-annual newspaper printed in French and published by French students throughout the country. Every year, students of high school age, submit to the journal articles to be considered for publication. These articles concern international, national and local happenings which have occurred during the year, as well as many items which may be of interest to the nation's students.

At this year's first general meeting, which took place November 14, at Rhodes School in Manhattan, this reporter, along with representatives from various schools in the five boroughs, was acquainted with the **French-American Student.** The editors and staff members were at hand to describe the topics for this year's issue and to discuss the problems involved in the production of such a newspaper.

Many pupils expressed their eagerness to be included on the staff but indicated the difficulties of traveling to Manhattan to attend meetings and of providing the time which must be allotted by each member. Although this is a time consuming task, it is one of great interest and importance.

However, all students are invited to hand in stories and are indeed urged to purchase the **French-American Student;** for while it provides for interesting reading, the **French-American Student** also helps to broaden one's cultural horizons.

HARRIET MOLBERGER

SANTA CLAUS FLIPS HIS WIG; YULE MAIL SNOWS HIM UNDER

Dear Santa: Please come over my house and drop in during Christmas.

Dear Mr. Claus: All I want for Christmas is a blond wig, because I cut my hair too short last night. P.S. If you can't get the wig, I'll settle for your beard.

Dear St. Nick:

I've been a good girl for all of the year,
Please send me a boy who is really a dear,
Tall, dark, and handsome he must be;
Put him under my Christmas tree.

Dear Rudolph: When it's cold outside my nose gets red. Do you have any suggestions for restoring its color?

Dear St. Nick: How high does your average have to be to attend college at the North Pole? I can't get into Brooklyn.

P.S. First I have to get out of Midwood (I've been here for seven years!)

Dear Mr. Claus: Please give the Argus back its two pages. (We only have six this issue).

Dear Santa Claus: Send my regards to your brother Elastic (Article I Section 8).

Michelle Ferber and Barbara Lazar

Spotlight

What is the recipe for an all around student? You take a good mind, add a full cup of talent, throw in large measures of energy and patience, add a heaping tablespoon of school spirit, blend slightly and then: Joan Mattingly.

Joan is a bouncy person who tries to accomplish as much as possible within her ability. She is Art and Production Editor of Epilog, and loves her work. She won a scholarship to attend art classes conducted at Pratt Institute on Saturday mornings, and would like very much to attend Pratt or Cooper Union next year. Joan hopes to become an art teacher.

The young artist is also well known for her outstanding work in Sing during her sophomore year as participant and her junior and senior years as co-chairman. "Sing gives people a chance to work together and to pool their efforts."

This cute and pert girl is exceptionally handy. She makes most of her own clothes and plans to enter the Singer Sewing Contest in a few years. Joan also likes to cook. She enjoys folk music, being "wild about Johnny Mathis."

However, despite the diversity of her activities, Joan's special interests lie in the sports category. Horseback riding and tennis head the list, followed by almost all other outdoor sports.

It is interesting to note that with all these time consuming activities, Joan Mattingly manages to keep a calm attitude and maintain at least a 91% average. During these, her final two terms at Midwood, Joan continues to show her devotion to her school and her fellow students and friends.

CATHY WOLFERT

WORLD TO CELEBRATE

As Christmas and Chanukah approach we all feel the tingling sensation of the holiday spirit. Most of us anxiously await these festive holidays, the family parties, presents, and needless to say, the Christmas vacation.

While Christmas is a universal holiday, it is celebrated in various fashions throughout the world. In our own northern states, Christmas brings frost, bitten cheeks and the sight of a silvery tinsled Christmas tree.

Despite the blue skies and warm weather of a summertime Christmas, New Zealanders celebrate it in the traditional spirit which lacks only the spell of the glistening snow.

Along the streets of Colombia on Christmas Eve, one is propelled by the spirited crowd. These people, clad in elaborate disguises, masquerade through the streets collecting and presenting gifts.

One can hardly imagine Christmas without the thought of children trudging through the snow, caroling or engaging in a hearty snow ball fight. On the streets of Russia, one can sense the lack of flavor that usually accompanies religious holidays. Caroling is discouraged, and one of the few signs that suggests Christmas time is a small tree.

In tropical Mexico, where Roman Catholicism is the state religion, every home has an altar and has been elaborately decorated with flowers. The youngsters receive their presents by breaking open hollow clay forms "These pinatas, contain sweets and gifts which come showering down.

Chanukah also contributes to the jolly festivities. In the U. S., Chanukah brings wine, latkes, and song. The menorah, the seven branched candle stick, on the eighth day, is fully lit and sheds a glowing light on the flushed faces of the frolicking youngsters.

In Tunisia, the perennial family get-togethers of Chanukah include singing and dancing and the exchanging of cakes instead of gifts.

If one were to travel through Israel at this season one would probably observe relay races in session. Children parade through the streets of the major cities and proudly display their holiday enthusiasm.

Altogether, Christmas and Chanukah certainly enliven those cold, wintry days. The Argus is taking this opportunity to wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Chanukah.

CONNIE ROBBINS

Sportlight

Leading the Middie penetration of the opposing wall on defense and having the task of opening holes on offense are tackles Jay Belsky and Howie Small. Both boys prefer defense, and, because of their great spirit, have been seen plowing through the offensive wall and forcing down the quarterback for a considerable loss.

Jay Belsky, Howie Small

Jay maintains a substantial average of 86% and hopes to attend either Columbia or Dartmouth. He prefers defensive ball because it's, "more of a challenge," and plans to try out as guard on his college team. This senior powerhouse started playing Varsity ball last year.

Jay Belsky, a 6' 1", 195 pounder, being born in Israel, naturally tried out for soccer as well as football, but chose the gridiron because he enjoys the physical body contact. Jay's greatest thrill was playing his first high school football game, and gives much credit to the whole interior line for the unblemished Middie slate. Jay also enjoys soccer and basketball, and is on the same basketball team as Howie Small: the Tigers.

Howie is also a senior and hopes to attend Hofstra or Syracuse University, where he will try out for his college team. Howie, a 6' 3" 220 pounder, first started playing football as a sophomore, havng no J.V. experience. "Defense is the pride of our game," says Howie, and points out that, "pursuit and gang tackling are very important in holding the opposing offensive advance."

His greatest thrill was overtaking the former city champs, Brooklyn Tech, 18-6. Howie stands out among this year's defensive squad for being the sole man to score on a safety.

Howie and Jay are key individuals in keeping the team strong.

JEFF SOFFER

Meet Your Teacher

A frank and humble individual who has a kindly sense of humor and a flair for hominess is Mrs. Zippora Freedberg. She has been a member of the French Department for the past two years and is known to be a cheerful person who enjoys life.

The mother of three children, ranging in age from two and one half to eighteen, was born in Israel. She came to America as an elementary school student. Later she attended Brooklyn College as a language major. Following her graduation, Mrs. Freedberg continued her education at New York University and admits she would like to continue her schooling.

Before transferring to Midwood, Mrs. Freedberg had taught Hebrew and Spanish at Tilden and Lafayette but now specializes only in French at Midwood.

Mrs. Freedberg spends her spare time between washing diapers and listening to Italian Opera. Two of her favorites are the Cavalleriea Rusticana and Turandot.

Originally, Mrs. Freedberg wanted to be a United Nations interpreter and when asked why she had changed her mind she replied, "I like to deal with children." She felt it was worth while even with the "twenty hour a day" schedule.

To this French instructor, teaching is a rewarding profession. She likes kids and appreciates the gratifying feeling when she is able to instill a little of her love for the French language in some of her students.

Mrs. Freedberg is "typical" when it comes to certain regulations. One of her pet peeves is "kids talking when I'm talking."

As a note of interest, Mrs. Freedberg originally wished to be a professional singer. When asked why she hadn't followed that career, she frankly said "I don't have a good enough voice."

Mrs. Freedberg

Occasionally, when she finds a spare moment or two Mrs. Freedberg who has taught herself to play the recorder, enjoys playing simple little songs.

In the future, Mrs. Freedberg hopes to continue her education and to travel to Europe.

CENSORSHIP DISCUSSED

"You can't bite the hand that feeds you," asserted one senior during the meeting of high school journalists at the N.Y.U. Loeb Center, on November 2nd.

This series of hourly lectures by noted journalists and N.Y.U. professors of journalism, became a heated argument about censorship and the limitation of certain controversial news in high school publications.

One high school student editor claimed that if such topics as cheating on tests, drinking, and smoking were reported in his school newspaper, the community would be scandalized; however, John Pascal, night city editor of the Journal American, attacked this statement by saying that "the job of the high school editor is to report all the news . . . whether it be good or bad . . . (as long as it is true) . . . even if the surrounding community and school are reflected in a bad light . . . or else drop the publication."

According to Aaron Slotkin, coordinator of curriculum periodicals of the Board of Education, in **Strengthening Democracy,** school newspapers are limited in the amount of freedom they can enjoy. "It is the school that bears the onus responsibility to the community." He later warns, however, that, "Some student editors confuse freedom of the press with freedom for their own particular views . . ."

The Midwood **Argus** now plans to set aside further full staff meetings for a thorough discussion of this controversial subject. This topic was, in part, the subject of a recent Social Studies Forum meeting, as well.

Mid-Eleven Ends First Undefeated Season with 8-0 Slate

CAGERS TRIP SHEEPSHEAD; EDGED BY BAYSIDE; 69-67

SETH ABRAHAM

The Midwood Cagers opened up their 1963 basketball schedule with two non-league games. In the first contest, Jimmy O'Brian swished 39 points through the

Glenroader goes up for rebound

net, but it was not enough as Midwood succumbed to Bayside 69-65. In the second game, Captain O'Brian scored 24, and Midwood erased an early Sheepshead lead to trounce the Commodores 57-45.

In the home opener, the Middies scored on the first play, O'Brian hitting from the pivot. But a hard driving Bayside team tallied for six straight points, and never fell behind. At the end of the half, the score was 46-39, Bayside.

In the third period, O'Brian continued to hit with jumpers, and taps, and continually led the Middie fast break down the court. When the buzzer sounded, O'Brian had scored 39 points, his career high, and the highest Midwood individual score since All City Tom Markey put in 51, two years ago.

In the second game against Sheepshead, Sheepshead won the tap, shot, missed, and missed two more easy taps. Bruce Starr cleared the boards for Midwood, and whipped the ball down the court to playmaker Chris Dowdell, who in turn passed it into the pivot. Center O'Brian bounced it off the backboards and in. At halftime the score was 24-20 in favor of Sheepshead.

With excellent rebounding by Starr, O'Brian, and Keenan, Midwood shot itself to a 40-32 lead at the end of three periods. During thatscoring spree, Chris Dowdell scored 4 straight goals.

In the fourth quarter both teams ran, and ran, and ran. However, Midwood was faster and ran itself to a 57-45 victory. O'Brian scored 24, Dowdell 10 and Mogulesqu 17. That evened the cagers record at 1-1.

The Middies lost four of their starting five last year, but the picture is not at all gloomy. Center O'Brian has done more than expected in scoring, and Dowdell, and Mongulesqu know what to do with the ball. Midwood is not very big, but watch the cagers run. In fact, they may run some opponents clear out of the division race. It should be a very interesting season.

X-COUNTRY MEN FINISH SEASON

Although the Midwood High School Cross Country Squad did not finish on top in team standings, it did show several outstanding individual efforts.

In the New York University Meet, Billy (Mister Machine) Goodheart covered the grueling two and one half mile course at Van Cortlandt Park in 13:39. This amazing time broke his previous record by ten seconds and gave him eighth place in a field of over four hundred competitors. The following week Billy took ninth place at the St. John's Meet with a time of 13:44. In the Brooklyn Champs Meet, Goodheart won a seventh place trophy.

Harvey Firestone, another outsanding cinderman ran a very strong 14:59. Harvey is a junior and Midwood can expect even finer performances from him in the future.

Bob Petrick, Joel Cohen, Charlie Erlick, Marty Horowitz, Ronnie De La Rosa, Phil Zettener, Marshal Kalter, and Billy Goodheart are all graduating this year. Their loss will be a big one for the Midwood Cross Country team. But returning next fall will be such experienced runners as Harvey Firestone, Fred Spar, John Fargnoli, Steve Paige, Jerry Amer, and Robert Goldstein. These boys, along with newcomers, will capably carry on.

Now that the Cross Country season is over many of the "two and one half milers" will be looking impatiently towards the indoor track season.

Bruce Levine

BLUE AND WHITE TOPS TECH; GRIDDERS ZIP FOUR ENEMIES

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Ronnie Edwards blocked a Madison punt and Roy Morrison fell on the ball on the Madison 10. Brent Kaufman then took the ball down to the three and into paydirt. Mike Ventura made the score 7-0 with a point-after-touchdown kick.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Glen-

DeMarco sidesteps Lincoln tackler

roaders marched 49 yards for their second touchdown of the game. Sam DeMarco picked up 42 of the 49 yards on 6 carries. Mike Weinberg climaxed the drive when he bulled his way over from the two for the tally. Ventura kicked his second P.A.T. to make the score 14-0.

Came the Tech game and the Glenroaders were rarin' to go. It was Tech who inflicted last year's single loss and the Middies were anxious for the rematch. The Blue and White came through brilliantly, trouncing Tech 18-6. The Middies were the first to score when with three seconds left in the first half Mike Weinberg found a hole on the Tech 23 and went all the way for the score, side-stepping and running over three would-be tacklers.

In the fourth quarter, Midwood got the ball on the Tech 30 after a short punt. The Middies drove all the way with Sam DeMarco smashing into paydirt from the one. Midwood's third touchdown came when Bruce Levine shot in from the two for the TD.

Lincoln proved no match to the marching Middies as they were slaughtered 38-6. Mike Weinberg scored twice with DeMarco, Kaufman, and Getto also scoring touchdowns.

And as the jubilant players carried the proud coaches, Mr. Eisenberg and Mr. Mascari off the field, after the Erasmus game, so ended the greatest football season in Midwood history.

Swimming Team Upset First Loss of Year

HOWIE COHEN

The Midwood High School Swimming Team experienced a strange feeling the other day; losing. Until this last meet with Madison, the Aquamen had won 16 straight. The men from Midwood gave it all they had, but the senior-stocked Madison team proved too much, and the final score was Madison 57, Midwood 38.

Midwood's swimming team is composed largely of sophomores and juniors. They put on quite a show and came within a scant 19 points of being victorious. The match was much closer than the score indicates. Twice the Aquamen were barely touched out of a first place, once in a relay worth 7 points.

The Middies managed to capture "a few races." Alan Glassman took the 50 yard free style in the fine time of 25.5. Gaiti won the 100 yard free style with a quick time of 59.4. McNulty won the 100 yard breast stroke. In the 400 yard free style event, Schwartz captured another first place for Midwood. In addition 100 yard butterfly was taken by Blouver.

Of the last 30 swimming meets the Middies have compiled the amazing record of winning 27 and losing only 3. The next meet on the agenda is with Grady Vocational High School. Midwood appears to be the easy favorite.

Kickoff

LOUIS MORRIS

To the cheers of throngs of spectators the Midwood Football Team finally broke the undefeated barrier that has eluded the squad for its eighteen years. Yet, as we looked at the members of the Mid-eleven as they were announced and ran on to the gridiron, we found not one or two stars, but a standout at every position.

The games were won on spirited line play and a hard driving backfield. However, credit must be handed to everyone connected with the team; from Mark Benson and the rest of the managers to coaches, Bill Eisenberg and Dolph Mascari.

Many fine Midwood football players will be lost because of graduation. They include backfield stars Mike Weinberg, and Sam DeMarco; linemen Jay Belsky, Howie Small, Al Milberg, Charlie Scandore, and Larry Casper; and defensemen Ronny Edwards, and Neil Schlessinger.

A core of veterans and an experienced backfield will be retained for the blue and white charge in '64. Larry Getto will be calling the signals on offense as well as defense. Brent Kaufman will also be back, but as a more lethal runner. Next season, he will have a full season of halfback experience. Mike Bloom and Mike Ventura will play key roles, and M.H.S. can look forward to an extension of the longest winning streak in its history.

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The Soccer Team wound up its slate with an even 4-4-1 final record. The last few games were 3-1 and 2-1 losses to Hamilton and Wingate, 5-0 and 3-1 triumphs over Sheepshead and a 4-3 overtime win against Brooklyn Automotive.

The High scorers for the season was Mike Jaskolka with 9 goals. Herman Kolander had 4, Benny Greenbaum 2, and Joey Rosenthal 1.

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Bad news for freeloaders!

Next year, the anchor chain fence on the East Seventeenth Street side of the field will be backed up by a picket fence making it impossible for people to view the game from the outside.

A new $2,000 scoreboard, similar to the type used at Yankee Stadium, will be installed at Midwood High School Field in time for the home opener next season.

Bulletin

In one of the most thrilling basketball contests ever held at Midwood, Wingate edged the cagers 65-62.

The Mid-five continually nibbled at the lead, and at the end of the third period, the score was tied 51 all. However, in the final seconds, Wingate intercepted an in-bounds pass and turned it into the winning basket.